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Computer to Panchayat
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to launch "National Panchayat Portal (NPP)" to inter-connect panchayats, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the funds allocated under the NPP;

(c) the number of Panchayats proposed to be covered initially under NPP;

(d) the timeline fixed for providing computers to all the panchayats; and

(e) the employment likely to be generated in rural areas as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) The National Panchayat Portal (NPP) was launched in December, 2004. Since then, the individual websites have been upgraded by the Panchayats from time to time.

(b) NPP is one of the software applications developed under e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project. No funds have been allocated specifically for NPP.

(c) NPP provides a platform wherein all the Panchayats of the country can have their dedicated websites for uploading Panchayat specific information.

(d) 'Panchayats' being State subject, providing facilities for computerisation is primarily the responsibility of the State Government. No timelines have been fixed by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj for providing computers to Panchayats.

(e) NPP would not generate new employment in rural areas as it only requires the existing manpower at Panchayats to upload relevant content on the portal for dissemination among the stakeholders.
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